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The pirates get a month and one dollar fine from Judge Dole. What they will get from the court-martial for desertion after they finish their sentence in Oahu jail remains to be seen.

Stephen Smith and Charles Deusbury, the two deserting soldiers from Fort Shafter, who took the schooner Lady out of the harbor, wrecked her near Waiānae, and then took some of the material from her to make a camp, were sentenced by Judge Dole yesterday morning, on their plea of guilty. There was quite a crowd in the courtroom at the time, for it was understood that they intended to make an address to the court in their own behalf.

They were represented by Attorney Greenwell, who stated that they desired to withdraw their plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty. Judge Dole asked them if they understood this, and they said they did.

"Have you anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced on you?" asked Judge Dole.

"Do you mean shall we tell you about stealing the boat, sir?" asked Smith.

"Yes," replied Judge Dole.

"Where do you want me to begin?"

"Tell your story," replied the Judge. "I'd like to tell my story in full," he began. "We took that there boat, sir, not with no intention of taking it away, you know, sir—we found the boat right there, sir, in the harbor, sir. We got on this here boat on a Thursday, and we stayed there two days, and we was going to stay there until we could stow away on another ship so we could get away from these Islands. We couldn't find no ship, sir, so we thought we'd have to go out on this boat; it was too late to turn back then, because we had gone into this thing, sir."

"Are you sailors?" asked Judge Dole.

"No, sir; I aint no sailor, sir."

"How did you get out of the harbor?" asked the Judge.

"We had a pretty bad time getting out, sir. I was at the wheel steering, and there was a pretty good wind, and I got steering and she kept going to one side and then to the other, and we nearly went into a wind-jammer, sir, a big sailboat, and then she went over to that side the other way, and just skimmed along, and I didn't know what to do; when we got out of the harbor I was still at the wheel, and Deusbury he was up at the bow, and would tell me to turn the wheel right or left, sir. It was a moonlight night going out there and we were going along fine, sir; I thought I was alright for a sailor; we was hitting it up about twenty miles an hour, the way it looked, looking astern, and we was going fast, and when we got outside, outside of them lights, it was going up and down like that, sir, and I wanted to go right back.

"We got seasick, sir, we were heaving up our stomachs; there was nothing there, pretty near dead, sir, and I don't want to be a sailor no more after that."

"Well, sir; I went to sleep, tried to get to sleep down below, but everything was tony-turvy. After I had been down two or three hours, Deusbury went down below, and I came up and didn't see no land in front or on the side or on the left, and I began to get scared; it was late out there, and I looked around, away back—all sea—and then I saw what I thought

was clouds, and then I saw it was mountains, and I thought we had got past Hawaii, and would be in Australia in a couple of days, the way it was going, and I twisted it around, some 'ow, and it took us all day Sunday to get back to land. And we got back to land, and I said, 'We are on another island, we are alright; we will just anchor this ship here and see if we can't go ashore,' and we dropped the anchor and we began to see something was dragging, and we thought the chain had broken in half, and just then it hit the ground.

"The next day—it was Monday—we got some things, a couple of pillows, and blankets and some biscuits—we was hungry—I had got over being seasick then, and we took an awning, all that is old stuff, other stuff besides that we didn't want, and we took that to protect ourselves from the sun, no value to the stuff, just to protect ourselves from the sun; we wouldn't take that other stuff; we took it about two hundred yards from the beach. Of course, if we had wanted to steal it, we would have taken stuff that would pay, but we only took these here—a little bit—it was too heavy for us to pack anyway. We had a few clothes, and we took them ashore too, and we slept there in the night time, rigged a tent up along the beach about two hundred yards from the ship.

"We had a good time there, had a box of cigars that was on the boat and had a good smoke there, and the next day them kanaka cops came there, with guns, and I put my hands up. I was lying on the ground, and I thought they wanted to get something; they went through my pockets and made a search, they still had the guns on me, and they was more scared than us, and they had guns. Well, sir, they took us down—away to some town there—where there was what we thought was a lighthouse but it was a sugar chimney—and they put us in prison there. Next morning they put us on a train and fetched us down here, sir."

Mr. Breckons having stated that the defendant had been known in the Philippine Islands by the name of Dick Turpin, the court interrogated him on this point, and the defendant replied as follows:

"You see, sir; after I left England, sir—my proper name is Stephen Smith—when I got to the States, in Philadelphia, and going to the Philippine Islands, that is where I changed my name, sir; I just changed it because it was too common. I changed it to Richard Turpin. At the time I joined the army—I wouldn't join under a wrong name—so I took the name of Stephen Smith, and joined under my right name, Stephen Smith."

Deusbury made a brief statement, dwelling on the claim that their original intention was not to take the schooner, but having deserted the army they had to get away from here, for their safety, and no sailing ships departing, they at last took the schooner.

United States District Attorney Breckons said it seemed to him clear that there had been larceny from a vessel in distress, as alleged in the indictment. He did not think that the two men were criminal in their instincts; but that what they had done was rather in a spirit of adventure than of malice.

Mr. Greenwell made a brief statement, Judge Dole immediately sentenced them to one month's imprisonment each at hard labor, and to pay a fine of one dollar.

The two pirates felt very well satisfied, indeed, at the leniency of their sentences.

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This year in the United States, his tour has been a continuous ovation and there have been instances where his carriage was drawn through the streets by enthusiastic admirers of his ability as a violinist. In Saint Louis there were two combined concerts in which he appeared in conjunction with the Theodore Thomas orchestra. Ed. Dekum attended both and his comments on the performance of Kubelik are most flattering. "Attended both concerts," he writes, "at two dollars and a half a seat. It was the grandest exposition of violin playing I ever attended. Kubelik is a marvel and in all of his numbers he held his audience spellbound."

The outline for the program of the concert to be given here contains reference only to the star numbers to be played by the great artist. One of these, Mendelssohn's Concerto, is played only by finished artists. Fritz Kreisler of the Boston Symphony Co. plays it with tremendous feeling and a technique that is marvelous. Wianiwski's Faust Fantasia is another number played by Kubelik and few others. The number of arrangements from this famous opera is legion but none equals this in the demands upon the artist for skill in technique and expression. The third great selection will be Paganini's "Witches' Dance," a great composition or it would not have the name of this famous composer at the top of it.

The public may guess from these three numbers what the concert will be. There has not been one here to equal it in any respect. The demand for seats continues and on account of this Manager Adams requests that all those who have asked to have tickets for reserved seats laid aside call for them not later than next Wednesday noon. This will avoid confusion in the rush which will occur on the date of the concert.

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